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Deirdre Capone, 73, stands next to photographs of her great-uncle and iconic gangster Al Capone outside the Tunnels of Moose Jaw tour complex on Tuesday. Inset: Deirdre is filmed in the tunnels for a video documentary, Finding Al, about the Chicago mobster. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Following the Capone trail

Moose Jaw tunnels investigated. Infamous Chicago mobster's great-niece part of Saskatchewan-produced video documentary

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Feeding off swirling rumours and passed-down stories about Chicago gangster Al Capone's bootleg operation in the Canadian Prairies, a Saskatchewan documentary film crew is going deep — literally — to search for proof behind the prohibition tale.

The documentary, titled Finding Al, involves historical data and assorted tales surrounding the iconic mobster's rumoured experiences and appearances in and around Moose Jaw in the 1920s.

"I've been to the Tunnels (of Moose Jaw) many times, and I just wanted to investigate it," director and producer Kelly-Anne Riess told Metro in Moose Jaw — nicknamed Little Chicago by some — on Tuesday, referring to passageways below the city's downtown streets that were turned into a tourist attraction in 2000 with Capone-themed tours and costumed characters.

"Everyone is really curious about Al Capone, and whether or not he was in Saskatchewan."

Because of extremely limited paper documentation, Riess has focused on information, accounts and hearsay passed through generations.

"I wasn't prepared at first for all the stories that were coming from across Saskatchewan," Riess said. "We've just been following the trail."

The crew is also travelling to North Dakota and then to Chicago in hopes of "connecting the dots where all these people have stories" and following a rail line that Capone allegedly used.

Riess had planned to visit Capone's great-niece Deirdre Capone, who has written a book about her family story. But the 73-year-old ended up coming to Saskatchewan from her Florida home to be featured in the documentary.

"There is no one else that can (tell the story)," Deirdre said after taking a guided tour of the Tunnels.

"He was a mobster, but not a monster."

Capone didn't let on to her relation to the infamous crime figure during the tour, even whispering to a Metro reporter, "I wonder what these people would say if they knew who I was."

Riess pointed out that her favourite Saskatchewan story on Capone comes from a Weyburn-area home where Deirdre's great-uncle would allegedly host firearm-filled parties once a year for his men and local farmers.

"It's our own Saskatchewan thing," Riess said. "I just like the idea of bootlegging mobster farmers."

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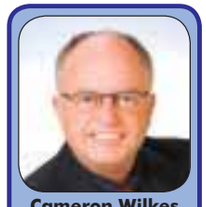
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Staying out

Province won't interfere in city's wastewater treatment proposal

The Saskatchewan government will not intervene with the City of Regina's upcoming referendum over its proposal to build a wastewater treatment plant using some private financing, Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter says.

"I don't think provincial oversight in this case is necessary," Reiter told media on Tuesday at the Saskatchewan legislature.

"Referendums are few and far between — in recent times, the province has never played this role.

Reiter said he's concerned that intervention by the provincial government in the Sept. 25 vote would set a poor precedent for future municipal elections.

He also noted that the Local Government Elections Act, which regulates municipal elections and referendums, clearly sets out rules for all participants — including a provision that allows representatives from both sides to observe the vote counting process.

"There are provisions that people can be there," he said.

"They can watch the process and ensure their concerns have been addressed — and if not, there's remedies in the act that they can follow."

Reiter was responding to a letter written on behalf of Regina Water Watch, a group that had pushed, ultimately successfully, for a binding vote on the more than $220-million of the plant's financing and management model. Water Watch requested the province's involvement in ensuring that the referendum would be conducted fairly and transparently.

The group wants the province to intervene because of concerns about the city's dual role as referendum organizer and as a chief campaigner in support of a public-private partnership.

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Local shares the stage with the world's strongest men

In the spotlight. Regina's own Scott Cummine lives out his dream competing at World's Strongest Man competition

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Years of punishing workouts and gruelling competitions have won Regina's own strongman superstar, Scott Cummine, a place on the international stage.

The 29-year-old recently returned home after competing in the World's Strongest Man tournament in Sanya, China. And though he didn't win a place in the final, Cummine says he fulfilled a dream by competing alongside some of the sport's top athletes.

"I was just in awe of being there, being against these guys that I've watched for 10 years since I was a kid," he told Metro on Tuesday.

"It was a really good experience."

After another athlete pulled out of the event, Cummine was selected to compete on the strength of his multiple Western Canada strongman titles, including one for a tournament hosted in Regina this past Canada Day.

Unlike that one-day competition, the weeklong World's Strongest Man tournament had its 30 participants divided into five groups, where they faced off in different events — such as squatting and dead lifts — with the top two finishers advancing to the final.

Cummine admits that he is somewhat disappointed by his performance, though the Regina native did manage to win one event — the physically exhausting truck harness pull.

That victory is made even more remarkable because the six-foot, 295-pound Cummine was one of the smallest competitors at the China event.

The winner, American Brian Shaw, stands a towering six-foot-nine and tips the scales at more than 400 pounds.

Cummine said he plans to bulk up in a bid for a place in next year's World's Strongest Man competition in April, where once again, he would have to be selected by invitation.

"The experience was an eye-opener of how much I have to improve," he said.

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"I was just in awe of being there, being against these guys that I've watched for 10 years since I was a kid."

Scott Cummine,
on competing in the World's Strongest Man tournament in Sanya, China.

Regina native Scott Cummine shows off his skills, lifting a 165-pound dumbbell over his head. Cummine competed at this year's World Strongest Man event in Sanya, China, earlier this month, becoming the first Saskatchewan participant since 2003. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Strike hits international students hard

A graduate student from India walks out of the International Student and Study Abroad Centre in the University of Saskatchewan on Monday. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

Post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan are feeling the impact of a strike that's had foreign-service workers in Ottawa off the job since spring.

With the fall semester just around the corner, a higher than normal number of international students has had to defer admissions to the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan.

"Some students are arriving late, and other students are not going to be able to come this semester as they are choosing to come in the winter semester in January," said Livia Castellanos, director of U of R International.

Castellanos said that 10 to 15 overseas students are arriving late. About 40 won't be coming until the winter due to delays in procuring visas.

"The students who are going to potentially arrive late will unfortunately have to catch up in their studies," she explained.

However, the strike's biggest blow, she said, is to the reputation of Canadian universities.

"We're not going to see as many students perhaps as we were thinking," said Castellanos.

"Canada is losing some international market in higher education because of the strike."

At the U of S in Saskatoon, Alison Pickrell, director of enrolment services and student affairs for the undergraduate department, said the institution has anticipated that the visa delays might affect the arrival dates of some students.

"We have had requests from about 33 students. It's something we don't normally track," said Pickrell.

She added that the university has been proactive in dealing with the situation.

"We sent an email to all our newly admitted international undergrad students who applied from outside of Canada," she said, "and provided them with information on an option to defer their admission."

JACOB MORGAN/METRO IN SASKATOON

No plan to recall Parliament. Baird talks Syria with opposition

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is talking to opposition leaders about the developing crisis surrounding Syria. But the department says calls to recall Parliament to discuss military action are premature.

Baird spoke first to Tom Mulcair, whose spokesman, George Smith, said the NDP Leader "was very clear with Minister Baird that Parliament would have to be recalled if there was any direct military involvement. Mr. Mulcair also stressed the importance of working with the United Nations."

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, in P.E.I. for a caucus retreat, said Canada needs to proceed cautiously.

"As soon as we talk about military intervention, there are many, many questions unanswered. Like what would military victory look like? Who would we be helping?" Trudeau said.

"There are grave questions, both about the government side but also about the rebel side. That's where we have to have honest and open dialogue about it. And I'm certainly not going to pretend that anyone has all the answers."

John Baird THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Dissent. UN mandate needed for action against Syria, Italy says

Any military strike against Syria must be authorized by the UN Security Council, Italy insisted on Tuesday.

Briefing Parliament, Foreign Minister Emma Bonino called Syria's alleged chemical attack a "war crime" but said her government wouldn't support military action without UN Security Council authorization.

"Italy would not actively take in any military action ... beyond the context of the Security Council, which for us is and remains the only point of legal reference that cannot be ignored," Bonino said.

Italy offered both military bases on its territory and its own aircraft for the 2011 NATO campaign in Libya. Bonino didn't specify how Italy might view base use during any intervention against Syria led by allies.

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Abducted in Colombia

Kidnapped mining executive freed by rebels

A Canadian executive who was kidnapped by Colombian rebels opposed to his company's gold-mining project has been freed. The International Committee of the Red Cross says Gernot Wober, 47, was released on Tuesday by the National Liberation Army. Wober, vice-president of exploration of Toronto-based Braeval Mining Corp., was abducted on Jan. 18, along with two Colombians and two Peruvians. Braeval said last month that it is pulling out of Colombia.

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CIA behind overthrow

Iran to debate suing U.S. over 1953 coup

Iran's parliament has approved fast-tracking debate on a bill to sue the U.S. for its involvement in the 1953 CIA-orchestrated coup that overthrew the country's democratically elected prime minister Mohammed Mossadegh and restored the oppressive regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Deliberations begin on Wednesday over how to launch a formal complaint accusing the U.S. of intervening in Iran's internal affairs and inflicting damages on the Persian state.

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U.S. lays out case for Syrian strike

Closer to attack. Officials prepare legal justification for military intervention

The Obama administration tried to bolster its case on Tuesday for possible military action against Syria within days, with intelligence agencies preparing to release intercepted communications aimed at proving Bashar Assad perpetrated a large-scale chemical attack on civilians.

The U.S. and international partners were unlikely to undertake military action before Thursday. That's when British Prime Minister David Cameron will convene an emergency meeting of Parliament during which MPs are expected to vote on a motion clearing the way for an armed response.

Obama administration officials argued that Assad's actions posed a direct threat to U.S. national security, providing President Barack Obama with a possible legal justification for launching a strike without authorization from the United Nations or Congress. However, officials did not detail how the U.S. was directly threatened by an attack contained within Syria's borders. Nor did they present concrete proof that Assad was responsible.

"Allowing the use of chemical weapons on a significant scale to take place without a response would present a significant challenge to, threat to the United States' national security," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Assad has denied using chemical weapons, calling the allegations "preposterous."

Obama is weighing a response focused narrowly on punishing Assad for violating international agreements that ban the use of chemical weapons, an act he repeatedly has said would cross a "red line." Officials said the goal was not to drive the Syrian leader from power or impact the broader trajectory of Syria's bloody civil war, which is in its third year.

"The options we are considering are not about regime change," Carney said.

U.S. officials say the most likely operation would be largely sea-based, with the strikes coming primarily from navy warships in the Mediterranean Sea. Fighter jets often are deployed to monitor the area and protect the ships, but Syria's robust air-defence system makes air strikes more difficult and risky.

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'No doubt'

"There's no doubt who is responsible for this heinous use of chemical weapons in Syria: The Syrian regime." U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden

At a news conference in Damascus on Tuesday, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said his country would use "all means available" to repel a U.S.-led strike. "We have the means to defend ourselves and we will surprise everyone," al-Moallem said, beneath a portrait of President Bashar Assad, who is accused of using chemical weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'We are ready to go': U.S. defense secretary

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Military forces are poised to strike Syria immediately if the commander-in-chief gives the order, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Monday.

The U.S. Navy has four destroyers in the eastern Mediterranean within range of targets in Syria and also has warplanes in the region.

"We are ready to go," Hagel said during a television interview while travelling in Asia.

Before any strike, the U.S. also plans to release additional intelligence it says will directly link Assad to the Aug. 21 alleged attack in the Damascus suburbs. A U.S. official said the report is expected to include "signals intelligence," or information gathered from intercepted communications.

Even before releasing that information, U.S. officials said they had very little doubt that Assad was culpable in what is believed to have been a chemical-weapons attack, based on witness reports, the symptoms of those killed or injured and intelligence showing the Syrian government has not lost control of its chemical-weapons stockpiles.

U.S. officials have spent much of the week seeking to rally international support for an aggressive response to the alleged attack.

The flurry of action is in stark contrast to President Barack Obama's previously restrained approach to Syria's civil war, which has left more than 100,000 people dead, according to UN estimates.

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Helping students make most of new opportunities

Scotiabanker Thomas Park shares his own experience to help international students at UBC make the most of every opportunity.

"Make the most of it, because you never know what's next," says Korean-born Thomas Park when advising international students at Scotiabank's UniverCity branch at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Still a student himself, the Vancouver customer service representative has plenty of advice, based on his family history and experience as a money-strapped student.

While Thomas is busy commuting between his business classes at Simon Fraser University and his Scotiabank® position, he recalls how at age 10 his family immigrated from South Korea. "I only knew the alphabet from A to T, since Thomas starts with T, but I quickly adapted to Canada's school system."

He later appreciated how his father struggled to support the family without work for a year. "Without much English, he went through hardships to find us a place to live, and go to school," recounts Thomas, noting that his dad couldn't resume his previous banking career for lack of language skills.

Sharing his father's determination, university-bound Thomas enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces reserves to pay tuition, although he harboured a desire to become a financial advisor. His interest in banking increased when he opened a student account at Scotiabank. Notes Thomas, "I saw how it's important to choose an account with the right benefits for you, such as no monthly fee and even reward points for free movies."

As a satisfied Scotiabank customer, Thomas jumped at the chance to work at the UBC branch last fall. "I know what students are going through and I tell them that although they are busy studying, they must understand their finances," explains Thomas, whose happy customers come back with friends who also seek patient, friendly advice.

He takes this same approach with UBC's international students who are often unfamiliar with the Canadian banking system: "I help them understand service fees, the difference between chequing and savings accounts, and how to receive wire transfers from home and earn higher interest on their funds."

Thomas gladly outlines the advantages of the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] which includes a free day-to-day bank account for one year[2], a wide range of credit card options[3] and a number of other customized services and benefits.

"I remind them that they may be a student now, but they should build a good credit history so that they can obtain a loan or mortgage in the future. You never know what's down the road."

"Students should find the right advisor," says Thomas. "Instead of just going to any bank, find an advisor who understands your situation, explains everything, and shows what else the bank can do for you." With his memories as a newcomer and his knowledge of campus life, Thomas is ready to help international students make the most of each new opportunity in Canada.

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Transparency. Trudeau says folks are stoked that he openly spoke of toke

Justin Trudeau says he's received "almost universal" praise for admitting he smoked marijuana after becoming a member of Parliament.

And that certainly seemed to be the case Tuesday as the Liberal leader did a spot of mainstreeting in downtown Charlottetown.

Young and old seemed giddy at the prospect of meeting him. They sought his autograph or to have their picture taken; several spontaneously thanked him, as one middle-aged woman put it, "for telling the truth, Justin, no matter what."

"The conversations I've had with Canadians have almost universally been about people pleased with the level of openness and transparency that a Canadian politician is demonstrating," Trudeau said later.

Opponents have pounced on Trudeau's confession that he toked up at a dinner party three years ago. They accuse him of flouting the law and demonstrating that he's unfit to govern. THE CANADIAN PRESS

People in Charlottetown mobbed the Liberal leader.
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Vox populi

"Hey Justin, wanna get baked?"

Tattooed, beer-toting and "happily unemployed" Jeff Moynagh to Trudeau, a "cool" guy he says he's likely to vote for.

Cronuts at the CNE

Poor refrigeration of bacon jam likely caused poisoning

An outbreak of food poisoning at the Canadian National Exhibition has been traced to the maple bacon jam topping on the cronut burger.

The likely cause of contamination was poor refrigeration, said Dr. Lisa Berger of Toronto Public Health.

"There were temperature-control issues both at the supplier and on site," she said. "The staphylococcus aureus toxin is not killed by cooking. Refrigeration prevents the bacteria from multiplying."

The investigation is now focused on Le Dolci, the jam's Toronto-based supplier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario allows all cops to use Tasers

Long-awaited move. Province says decision has nothing to do with Sammy Yatim shooting, despite announcing it exactly one month later

Community Safety Minister Madeleine Meilleur announced Tuesday that Ontario has approved the wider use of Tasers by the province's police forces. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario is the latest province to permit all frontline police officers to carry stun guns, following the fatal shooting of a Toronto teenager that's sparked public outrage.

That leaves Quebec as the lone holdout.

It is now up to local police services in Ontario to decide whether they want to equip all their officers with stun guns, which are currently restricted to supervisors and specialists.

Police forces will also have to foot the bill if they want to arm their officers with Tasers — costing about $1,500 each — which will put pressure on municipal budgets.

Police chiefs and associations have been pushing the government for years to expand the use of stun guns. Coroner's inquests have also recommended expanding the use of stun guns since 2004.

The governing Liberals insist that Sammy Yatim's death had nothing to do with their change of heart, even though the announcement was made one month to the day of the fatal police shooting.

The decision came after "extensive consultation" and was supposed to be announced in June, Community Safety Minister Madeleine Meilleur said Tuesday.

Meilleur wouldn't say whether Yatim's death could have been prevented if Ontario had moved sooner.

"It was not a decision that was taken lightly," she said. "We have all seen what happened at the airport in Vancouver."

Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski died in 2007 after being stunned with a Taser at the airport by RCMP officers.

But Meilleur said studies have shown Tasers can reduce injuries by 60 to 65 per cent.

Ontario's interim chief coroner and many police groups support the government's decision. Chief forensic pathologist Michael Pollanen said it's "unusual and quite rare" for someone to die after being stunned by a Taser and there's no clear evidence that it's the primary cause of death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Possible bid. Washington sets sights on 2024 Games, claims to be 'safest city'

Washington is making a push to host the 2024 Olympics.

DC 2024 president Bob Sweeney announced Tuesday the formation of a non-profit group aimed at making Washington the first American city to host the Summer Games since Atlanta in 1996, and the first to host an Olympics since the Winter Games were held in Salt Lake City in 2002.

"We are the safest and most secure city in the world," Sweeney said. "The largest expense of any Olympic Games is security, and the fact that we've got it pretty built in to our everyday life here in Washington, we would leverage that asset tremendously to put on this high-profile event."

The bid has a long way to go. Washington was one of 35 U.S. cities to receive a letter from the U.S. Olympic Committee to gauge interest, and Sweeney expects about 10 to step forward as serious candidates. The USOC hasn't even decided for certain that it wants to bid for the 2024 Games, which will be awarded by the International Olympic Committee in 2017.

"They need to make sure there is a strong horse to ride," Sweeney said. "And we certainly intend to be that."

Los Angeles, which hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics, Philadelphia and Tulsa, Oklahoma, have announced their interest. San Diego wants to host a cross-border Olympics with Mexican neighbour Tijuana. Other potential 2024 contenders from around the world include Paris; Rome; Doha, Qatar; and a city in South Africa.

Washington made a push for the 2012 Games a decade ago and was thought to be the favourite to be the U.S. representative, but the USOC chose New York instead.

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Friends visit the Lincoln Memorial in Washington last weekend. The city is making a push to host the 2024 Olympics, with a rep reasoning that the capital is "the safest and most secure city in the world." MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Reflecting on 'I Have a Dream' 50 years later

1963 speech. Barack Obama acknowledges work of Martin Luther King Jr. and others in pushing forward racial equality in the U.S.

Barack Obama was two years old and growing up in Hawaii when Martin Luther King Jr., the American civil rights leader, delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

Fifty years later, the nation's first black president will stand as the most high-profile example of the racial progress King espoused, delivering remarks Wednesday at a nationwide commemoration of the 1963 demonstration for jobs, economic justice and racial equality.

Obama believes his success in attaining the nation's highest political office is a testament to the dedication of King and others, and that he would not be the current White House occupant if it were not for their willingness to persevere through repeated imprisonments, bomb threats and blasts from billy clubs and fire hoses.

In tribute, Obama keeps a bust of King in the Oval Office and a framed copy of the program from that historic day when 250,000 people gathered for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Within five years, the man Obama would later identify as one of his idols was dead, assassinated in April 1968 outside of a hotel room in Memphis, Tenn.

But King's dream didn't die with him. Many believe it came true in 2008 when Obama became the first black man Americans ever elected as their president.

The "Let Freedom Ring" commemoration is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bell-ringing commemorations are also planned across the U.S.

For Obama, the march is a "seminal event" and part of his generation's "formative memory." A half century after the march, he said, is a good time to reflect on how far the country has come and how far it still has to go, particularly after the Trayvon Martin shooting trial in Florida.

A jury's decision to acquit neighbourhood watchman George Zimmerman in the 2012 fatal shooting of the unarmed, 17-year-old black teen outraged blacks across the country last month and reignited a nationwide discussion about the state of U.S. race relations.

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Among those expected to appear Wednesday at the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington are, clockwise from top: Oprah Winfrey and actor Forest Whitaker; singer LeAnn Rimes; former President Bill Clinton; Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of president John F. Kennedy; and actor Jamie Foxx. GETTY IMAGES AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chelsea Manning. Gender switch announcement not an attention grab: Lawyer

Chelsea Manning U.S. ARMY FILE

Soldier Chelsea Manning, previously known as Bradley Manning, decided to announce that she wanted to live as a woman the day after her sentencing for a massive leak of U.S. secrets because a military prison said publicly it would not provide hormone treatment, her attorney said.

Attorney David Coombs said that Manning had known for a long time she would make such a statement, but "she wanted, essentially, for the media surrounding the trial to dissipate."

Manning did not want people to think the statement was insincere. "People might think it was an effort to get further attention," Coombs said.

Manning was sentenced last week to 35 years in prison for leaking thousands of pages of classified military and diplomatic material to WikiLeaks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C.

Cops defend not announcing sex workers' deaths sooner

The RCMP are defending the decision not to issue a warning earlier in a case in which two sex trade workers were found dead, saying there was early evidence to suggest the first case was a suicide.

RCMP issued a public warning this week after two women who were known to be online escorts were found dead in the same apartment building almost two weeks apart.

Advocate groups say a warning should have come after the first death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New pics show night Boston bombing suspect surrendered

Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev lifts his shirt while standing in a boat at the time of his capture by law enforcement authorities in Watertown, Mass. Additional images, made public Tuesday, were among those released last month by a state police photographer. CONTRIBUTED

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Officer released dramatic photos because of anger over Rolling Stone cover

New photos show the Boston Marathon bombing suspect, his face bloodied, climbing out of a boat in a suburban backyard as heavily armed police officers wait for him to drop to the ground.

The images were among those a state officer provided last month to Boston Magazine, which published some then and more on Tuesday.

Sgt. Sean Murphy took photos the April night police cornered Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in a dry-docked boat in Watertown, just outside Boston. He wasn't authorized to release the photos but said he was angry about a Rolling Stone magazine cover he felt glamorized Tsarnaev.

Shot through face

The surgeon who treated Tsarnaev after his capture said he had been shot through the face and had a fractured skull, among other injuries.

The new photos include more shots of Tsarnaev coming out of the boat, his head bloody and a red laser trained on his head. They also show him dropping to the ground, where officers and medical personnel rushed to treat him. Other photos show tense federal, state and local police officials meeting in a command centre and elite police teams gathering in the streets earlier in the day.

Tsarnaev has pleaded not guilty to charges in the bombing, which killed three people and injured more than 260 others. His older brother was killed following a gun battle with police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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N.S. licence plates boost buying local

A new licence plate in Nova Scotia will encourage people to buy locally produced goods. The plate features an image from the Select Nova Scotia marketing campaign and will be issued on request to passenger and light commercial vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health care

Walmart benefits will cover partners, same-sex included

Walmart will extend its health-care benefits to its U.S. workers' domestic partners, including those of the same sex. The retailer said the changes were made so it could have one uniform policy at a time when some states have their own definitions of domestic partnerships and civil unions.
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Market Minute

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Trade talks. U.S. proposal won't affect anti-smoking laws in Canada, Ottawa says

The Canadian government says it sees no specific threat in a controversial U.S. proposal to include tobacco in the TransPacific Partnership trade negotiations that health advocates argue will make it more difficult to enforce anti-smoking campaigns.

A spokesman for Trade Minister Ed Fast says the government is still reviewing the proposal, along with another that Malaysia tabled on Tuesday that would carve out tobacco from the TPP altogether, but said it does not believe there will be any impact on Canada's anti-smoking regulations.

"Canada's ability to regulate in the public interest, including health, remains unchanged in the U.S. proposal," said Rudy Husny, press secretary to the trade minister, who last week was in Brunei for the start of the latest round in the talks.

But health advocates say the proposal is weaker than Washington's previous position of a "safe harbour" for tobacco-control laws, and insist it does give tobacco companies the ability to challenge countries.
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Industry precedent

- The Canadian Cancer Society's policy analyst on tobacco, Rob Cunningham, says while he has not examined the U.S. proposal, the industry has a long history of trying to use trade agreements to block anti-smoking measures.

Sponsorship. Wickenheiser signs deal with Canadian Tire

Canadian women's hockey star Hayley Wickenheiser has signed a two-year sponsorship deal with Canadian Tire. The retailer will sponsor both Wickenheiser and her international annual girl's hockey festival.

Wickenheiser is the captain of Canada's women's team and its all-time leading scorer. She's training full-time with the team in Calgary for what will be her sixth Olympics. The Canadian Tire Wickenheiser World Female Hockey Festival will be held Nov. 21-24 in Calgary after three years of being hosted in Burnaby, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hayley Wickenheiser
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Egypt's tourism industry has that empty feeling

Souvenirs rest on a car dashboard at the Giza Pyramids near Cairo on Tuesday. The chairman of the Egyptian Airports Co. says some flights are arriving nearly empty to the country since this summer's violent turmoil. Flights that can carry more than 100 passengers from Europe arrive with just nine, and return full from beach resorts. Major tour operators in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark say they have cancelled at least 60,000 trips.
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Feds requested data on 219 Facebook users

Online privacy. Firm is latest tech company to release stats on how often governments seek customer information

The Canadian government demanded Facebook turn over information on 219 users in the first half of the year, the company said on Tuesday in releasing global data.

They were among about 38,000 Facebook users whose data was scrutinized by authorities in 74 countries, Facebook said. About half of those orders came from the United States.

Facebook said it turned over some data to authorities in 44 per cent of the Canadian cases, and that it was required by law to do so. The company declined to give any specific details.

The social-networking giant is the latest technology firm to release figures on how often governments seek information about customers. Microsoft and Google have done the same.

"The vast majority of these requests relate to criminal cases, such as robberies or kidnappings," Facebook said on its blog. "In many of these cases, these government requests seek basic subscriber information, such as name and length of service. Other requests may also seek IP address logs or actual account content."

Facebook and other technology companies have been criticized for helping the National Security Agency secretly collect data on customers. U.S. federal law gives the government the authority to demand data without specific warrants, and while companies can fight requests in secret court hearings, it's an uphill battle.

It's not clear from the Facebook data how many of the government requests on 38,000 users were for law-enforcement purposes and how many were for intelligence gathering.
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Talking Turkey

- Facebook and Twitter have become organizing platforms for activists and, as such, are targets for authorities.
- During anti-government protests in Turkey in May and June, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan called social media "the worst menace to society." At the time, Facebook denied it provided information about protest organizers to the Turkish government.
- Data released Tuesday show Turkish authorities submitted 96 requests covering 173 users. Facebook said it provided some data in about 45 of those cases, but there is no information on what was turned over and why.

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CAN AFFLECK BE THE WORST BATMAN?

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Are you ready to have some fun?

Are you ready to play the Batman game?

Granted, this is probably only fun for people who have yet to get beyond the mental age of 12, but that's almost everybody. The rest of you, get over yourselves.

The Batman game is easy to play, of course: In the history of Batman stretching back to 1943, who has been the best — and the worst — Batman?

It's time to play the game again, because now that The Dark Knight's Christian Bale has moved on to Shakespeare or whatever, Ben Affleck has been announced as his replacement, causing thousands of bat fans to fall screeching from the sky.

Even though Ben has restored his reputation with an Oscar for Argo, the stench from the "Bennifer" era and his participation in Gigli, often cited as the worst movie ever, lingers.

There's even a petition on the White House website demanding that the president intervene and prevent 'Batfleck' from spoiling Batman.

Many fans believe Bale redeemed Batman from weak portrayals by otherwise decent actors such as George Clooney and indecent actors such as Val Kilmer, and they don't want to see another lame flying mammal re-infest the bat cave.

OK, if Clooney, the world's most admired movie star, failed to own the belfry, what does Batfleck expect? It's a dangerous job, fighting crime in Gotham City for $15 million an episode.

When you play the game, you probably start during the era when you first encountered the Caped Crusader. For me, that would be back in the '60s, and the inane Batman TV series of 1966-68 starring Adam West. Of course, it was supposed to be inane, or "camp," I believe it was called then, when inane was cool.

I never bought that.

Then, in the late '80s, Tim Burton made Beetlejuice star Michael Keaton his Batman, generating the same kind of horror now gripping the streets of Gotham and other locales over Batfleck. But Keaton turned out to be really good; so good, he rivals Bale as a fan favourite, especially for those who were alive in the '80s.

For the most part, people seem to prefer the intense, brooding Batguys to the Bat-light Clooneys or Kilmers.

Even Clooney himself thinks he stunk up the cave: "With hindsight," he said "it's easy to look back at this and go 'Woah, that was really s--t and I was really bad in it.'"

Of course, if you're really serious about this stuff, you can spread your wings and get into a variation on a theme: the Batman nemesis game. For example, who's the best Penguin, Burgess Meredith or Danny DeVito? Or how about the best Joker? Jack Nicholson or Heath Ledger?

If we can keep this going, we'll never have to grow up. Batman forever!

ZOOM

It takes balls to beat boredom

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Fun after curfew? Don't count on it

Egyptians break curfew by playing soccer during the nighttime in the Garden City neighbourhood of Cairo.

In every corner of the Egyptian capital, a bustling city of 18 million that rarely sleeps, people are locked up in their homes at night under a military-imposed curfew that has driven people up the walls, sometimes literally.

To kill time, one said he spent the night counting flowers on his wallpaper — a staggering 865. Another tested how many cucumbers he can fit in a refrigerator drawer. A third calculated the speed of an ant crawling on his balcony rail.

The curfew has been a shock to Cairo, a city where cafes stay packed into the night and parents routinely take their children out for dinners nearing midnight.

The military-backed government's curfew, after violent unrest following the July 3 coup that ousted President Mohammed Morsi, slashed the typical Cairo 24-hour life to just 11 hours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What to do...

- Some predicted a baby boom next winter. Cynics suggest a hike in divorce rates —spouses are locked up together for longer.
- Others fled the turmoil to the Mediterranean coastline.

Clickbait

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Somebody needs to have the comedic chops to help us fill the time between cat videos. Luckily for us, YouTube is home to a bumper crop of very funny people who are happy to oblige.

BriTANick:

Nick Kocher and Brian McElhaney enjoyed a moment in the spotlight with Oscar-Winning Movie Trailer a while back, but their channel is an embarrassment of riches for anybody looking for a laugh. A gold star award for the skit where the two argue over whether or not Jesus can be seen in a piece of toast. (youtube.com/britanick)

5 Second Films:

A simple enough concept: Unpack as much humour and plot that five seconds will allow. The brevity means you're often thrown into dysfunctional relationships between roommates, but who can't relate to that. (youtube.com/5secondfilms)

Comediva:

Hilarious recurring characters and weird high-concept ideas for television shows are among the many reasons this channel works as a perfect rebuttal the next time you run into somebody from the cult of Women Aren't Funny. (youtube.com/comediva)

Letters

RE: Talking About Sex? Gasp! Published Aug. 21

I thought it was a really interesting and apt point made by the author that children and teens are exposed, without question, to huge amounts of violence, and yet are sheltered from any open, honest, and fact- or experience-based discussion of sex and sexuality.

Due to the inadequacy of sex education in schools, and many parents' squeamishness about discussing the topic, teens are left to educate themselves and each other about sex — getting their (mis)information from urban myths, chat rooms, and reality television. Talking to one's child about sex can be difficult, so parents should be glad there is this type of self-guided, science-based exhibition to help teach their children/teens about healthy sexuality.

The "self-appointed guardians of the public morality" are kidding themselves by thinking that this exhibit (or any open discussions about sex) will newly expose teens to "the discovery of attraction, seduction, desire, and intimacy."

So what is it about sex? Unfortunately, our society still operates on a puritanical value system, that not only turns a blind eye to the realities of youth and sex, but which also paints sex and sexuality as something that is shameful and should not be spoken about.

Martha Elliott and Karla Pena-Mendez, London, Ont.

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A curious idea and its interesting conversation

Ironside. Actor responds to criticism over being cast as detective in a wheelchair

Blair Underwood stars in the reboot of the TV classic Ironside. CONTRIBUTED

When it came time to prepare for his role as the wheelchair-bound detective in Global's reboot of the television classic Ironside, Blair Underwood turned to his mother for advice.

"I spent a lot of time talking to her about her experiences," Underwood said about his mother, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair.

"It was very important that we as professionals … me as an actor, are really respectful and authentic as we can be to this disability that this character has."

The fact Underwood's character uses a wheelchair is about as far as this reboot of the TV classic goes in trying to emulate Raymond Burr's show, which aired from 1967 to 1975.

"It was a very curious idea; I was a little taken aback," admitted Underwood about being asked to join the cast.

"But then I thought, I liked the old Ironside. The only elements we took are his name, Ironside, the fact that he is a detective, the fact he is in a wheelchair."

Airing Wednesdays starting Oct. 2, the series picks up two years after Underwood's character, Robert Ironside, is paralyzed by a gun shot while investigating a case.

"He is very much trying to reconcile this new version of himself," Underwood says of his character, whose story is told in flashbacks throughout the series.

Still, Underwood's casting in the series hasn't been without controversy.

Some have criticized the casting as offensive because, instead of hiring an actor who uses a wheelchair, they went with an able-bodied actor instead.

"I think it is great that it has brought the conversation forward," said Underwood. "It's a conversation that I get, I respect it, and what I derive from that, from speaking to one particular actor who is disabled, is their frustration. Because actors who are disabled, from what I understand, are often not thought of in terms of casting. Producers don't think to cast a disabled actor." METRO

All about the dialogue

"I think it is great that it has brought the conversation forward."

Blair Underwood on facing criticism for being an able-bodied actor cast in the role of a detective in a wheelchair

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Muscle car is the real star of Getaway

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Ethan Hawke and Selena Gomez are the stars of Getaway, a new action adventure film from Toronto-born director Courtney Solomon, but the scene-stealer is the Ford Shelby GT500 Super Snake, built by legendary car customizer Shelby American.

"Since Getaway takes place in a foreign country," said Soloman, "I felt strongly that we needed the quintessential American muscle car with enough star power to shine with Ethan and Selena."

Two Shelby GT500 Super Snakes were actually used to tell the story of a former race car driver who must steal the souped-up car and perform a number of duties to prevent his wife from being killed. The first can be seen in the Bulgarian-shot action scenes. The second was used during audio recording in Los Angeles.

The silver Super Snake is a sleek thing of beauty, but the most famous movie car has to be the 1963 Aston Martin DB5 used in Goldfinger. Not only was it the first and most recognized James Bond car — after the movie was released it was called "the most famous car in the world" — but it also inspired a popular Corgi car that became the biggest selling toy of 1964.

The British-made vehicle also appears in The Cannonball Run, driven by former Bond Roger Moore and in a highly stylized form as a secret agent (voiced by Michael Caine) in Pixar's Cars 2.

The first auto to have its own screen credit was Herbie, the anthropomorphic 1962 Volkswagen Beetle from The Love Bug. The original script didn't specify any type of car, but after filmmakers "auditioned" several Toyotas, a TVR sportscar, a Volvo, an MG and a pearl white Volkswagen Beetle, the VW was chosen because it was the only car the crew tried to reach out and pet.

Ethan Hawke and Selena Gomez in Getaway. CONTRIBUTED

Finally, who could forget Marty McFly's (Michael J. Fox) famous line, "Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Doc, uh... Are you telling me that you built a time machine... out of a DeLorean?"

Back to the Future used one of the 9,000 gull-winged DeLorean DMC-12 sport cars manufactured by the DeLorean Motor Company in Northern Ireland as a machine that propelled McFly back in time.

"Yes, the way I see it," said the machine's inventor, Dr. Emmett L. Brown (Christopher Lloyd), "if you're gonna build a time machine into a car, why not do it with some style?"

Crime/drama

Closed Circuit

Director. John Crowley

Stars. Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall, Jim Broadbent

Eric Bana and Rebecca Hall play lawyers and ex-lovers who find themselves in the crosshairs when their defence of a suspected terrorist uncovers evidence that could cause a national scandal. Closed Circuit is a thriller with few thrills. In its rush to get to the climax — which is actually twisty and turny enough to be interesting — it blasts through plot details, not giving us any reason to care about the characters. Once again Bana proves to be a handsome cipher — he's a good-looking actor but as dull as dishwater — while Hall has charm to burn in an underwritten role. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Miley Cyrus?

Cheyne Thomas has Miley's back with choice words for Kelly Clarkson

Miley Cyrus has been on the receiving end of plenty of criticism for her risqué MTV Video Music Awards performance with Robin Thicke, but she has at least one person in her corner: good pal Cheyne Thomas. "Kelly Clarkson called Miley a pitchy stripper. Do you think she's mad because her past few singles flopped and she wasn't asked to perform?" Thomas posted to Twitter. "And she's fat and 30."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Are Rihanna and Drake rekindling?

It looks like Rihanna is spending time with old flame Drake, as the pair got in some quality time at N.Y. nightspot Sons of Essex the Friday prior to last weekend's MTV Video Music Awards, according to E! News.

"Drake came in around 10 p.m. with 10 people and had four large security guards. Rihanna came about an hour later, alone, not counting her security," a source says. "They sat in a back room, the lights were dimmed and there was sort of a barricade of tables blocking their group off."

But don't call it a rekindled romance just yet. "It seemed very casual," the source says, adding that Rihanna and Drake left a "generous" $500 tip before leaving separately. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Reunion was 'just for a minute'

Well, it's official. That two-minute 'N Sync reunion at the MTV Video Music Awards was it as far as the band getting back together, JC Chasez confirms to Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview.

"Everybody would ask us, 'When are you guys going to do something?' We did. Just for a minute, though," he says. "It was really about (Justin Timberlake) and all that he's accomplished. He wanted to acknowledge that part of his career, and so we all decided to do it."

Twitter

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I know I spelled 'your' wrong it was autocorrect!! I swear!!!

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Can you all stop hating on Miley Cyrus now and get back to what's truly important.... why are there no new levels of candy crush?

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Travel like a star

If celebrity spotting and star gazing gets your adrenaline pumping, here are some holiday suggestions that will allow you to indulge your inner paparazzi

ON THE MOVE
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1 Be a high roller

For those who want to spend the money to rub shoulders with the world's rich and famous, a great website to bookmark is millionairesconcierge.com. It can help you plan a whole range of high-end vacations and buy tickets to celebrity-heavy events, like the Oscars, the Superbowl or the Emmys. ACTRESS JENNIFER LAWRENCE ARRIVES AT THE OSCARS/GETTY IMAGES

2 Or save your pennies

For the slightly more budget conscious, go to the tinsel towns of New York, Los Angeles or London, England. Reserve tickets in advance to the taping of your favourite late night talk show or TV sitcom to ensure some celeb face time. BE PART OF A STUDIO AUDIENCE!/GETTY IMAGES

3 Celeb hot spots

If you prefer to actually vacation alongside the stars, book your holiday to celebrity favourites like Las Vegas, Telluride, Colorado or the Caribbean islands of St. Bart's or Anguilla. Anguilla's laid back vibe is particularly attractive to celebrities like Ellen and Portia, Jay-Z and Beyoncé and camera-shy Janet Jackson, who was seen wandering around the supermarket alone on a recent visit.

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4 TIFF brings Hollywood north

This year's Toronto International Film Festival runs from Sept. 5 to the 15 and will provide opportunities to see stars such as Meryl Streep, Hugh Jackman and Jennifer Aniston. Film festivals are a great way to include star gazing into your vacation. Celebrities are there to promote their movies and mingle, so they tend to be more open to the personal attention. Stake out the red carpets during film premieres and lie in wait over cocktails at hip locations like the Drake Hotel, the Shangri-La or the recently opened Four Seasons Hotel. ACTOR JARED LETO AT TIFF IN 2012/GETTY IMAGES

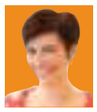
5 From sea to star

If you want more than just a quick photo opportunity, consider booking a celebrity-themed cruise. Cruise lines occasionally invite big name chefs, authors or movie stars on board and design the itineraries so people have a chance to interact with them. ISTOCK IMAGES

6 Stay in their resorts and hotels

If you want to say you spent the night with a famous friend-to-be, check in to a celebrity-owned hotel like Bono and The Edge's The Clarence in Dublin, Ireland; Abba's Benny Andersson's Hotel Rivalin in Stockholm, Sweden or Elizabeth Hurley's No. 11 Cadogan Gardensin in London, England. Closer to home, bunk in at Jason Priestley's Terrace Beach Resort in Ucluelet, B.C. A MAN WALKS PAST THE CLARENCE HOTEL, OWNED BY SINGER BONO/GETTY IMAGES

Black Bean Chilaquile: Heavy on Mexican flavour, light on the wallet



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Eat cheap (and healthy)

For the next three Wednesdays, Metro's Theresa Albert will be serving up some easy to make and healthy recipes that are perfect for families or starving students.

This recipe serves three to four people. FLICKR: ROOEY202

Ingredients

- 1/2 onion, chopped ($0.44)
- 1 tbsp olive oil ($0.08)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced ($0.10)
- 1/2 cup tomatoes, chopped ($0.23)
- 3/4 cup frozen corn, thawed ($0.11)
- 1 can black beans, drained ($1.29)
- 2 tsp lime juice ($0.12)
- 1 package frozen spinach , thawed and drained well ($1.89)
- 1 tsp each oregano and chili powder ($0.11)
- 2 cups tortilla chips, crushed ($0.79)
- 3 oz cheddar cheese ($1.76)
- 1 cup salsa ($0.60)

Total $7.52 (about $2.50 per 3 people or $1.88 per 4 people)

You know how you love nachos but the calories will kill you? Here is a way to have all the taste and none of the guilt. That's because a black bean and veggie heavy casserole gives you the same crispy, cheesy feeling.

This is a great make ahead party dish too. Just stop before the baking step and pop it in the oven for 20 minutes before you want to serve.

1. Sauté onion in oil for 8 minutes until very soft. Stir in garlic, tomatoes, corn, black beans, lime juice, salt and pepper and cook 5 min to heat through. Stir in spinach and heat through; sprinkle in oregano and chili powder.

2. Prepare 8x8 casserole dish or baking pan with light coating of oil. Spread half of the crushed tortilla chips on the bottom. Spoon the sautéed veg over chips. Top with remaining chips and cheese.

3. Heat in 400F oven to melt cheese. Top with salsa and serve

Drink of the Week

The Zephyr

Tart and refreshing, this cocktail blends fresh citrus notes for a cool summer treat.

- 1.5 oz Belvedere vodka
- 1/2 oz fresh pink grapefruit juice
- 1/2 oz orgeat syrup
- 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice
- Top tonic water

Shake first four ingredients and strain into highball over fresh ice.

Top with tonic water and garnish with a wedge of fresh pink grapefruit.

RECIPE AND PHOTO COURTESY BELVEDERE VODKA

(N)oodles of summer tofu fun

1. Heat the grill to medium. Check the grates of your grill to see whether the broccoli florets are likely to fall through. If so, line a small baking sheet or metal roasting pan with foil, then mist with cooking spray.

2. In a medium bowl, combine the broccoli florets and about 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Toss until evenly coated. Season with salt and pepper.

Ingredients

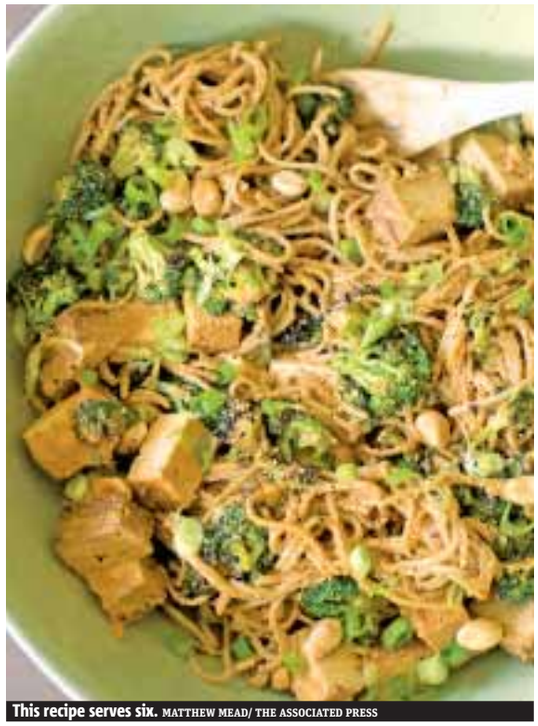
- 4 cups broccoli florets
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 8-oz block marinated and baked tofu (check the refrigerated Asian section at the grocer)
- 6.2-oz package soba noodles
- 2/3 cup natural peanut butter
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 tbsp seasoned rice vinegar
- 1-inch chunk fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted peanuts

3. Place the tofu slabs on the grill. Carefully transfer the broccoli to the grill, either directly on the grates or on the prepared baking sheet or roasting pan. Grill the broccoli for 3 minutes, the tofu for 8 minutes, or until the broccoli is lightly charred and the tofu is nicely seared. Transfer everything to a baking sheet in a single layer. Place in the refrigerator to cool.

4. While the broccoli and tofu cool, bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the soba noodles and cook for 5 minutes, or until just tender. Drain well, then transfer to the baking sheet in the refrigerator to cool.

5. Meanwhile, to prepare the peanut sauce, in a blender combine the peanut butter, soy sauce, water, rice vinegar, ginger and garlic. Blend until smooth. Add a splash of hot sauce, blend then taste and adjust with additional hot sauce, if desired.

6. When the tofu, broccoli and noodles have cooled, transfer the tofu to a cutting board and cut into bite-size chunks. Transfer the noodles to a large bowl and drizzle the peanut sauce over them. Toss to coat evenly, then add the tofu and broccoli and mix gently. Garnish with chopped scallions and peanuts.



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Prosciutto, Cantaloupe and Orecchiette Salad

1. Bring pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions.

2. Two minutes before the pasta is finished cooking, add the asparagus. When the pasta is finished, drain immediately and mix in several ice cubes. Stand the strainer of pasta and asparagus in the sink and run cool water over them until completely cooled.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together the olive oil, vinegar and mustard. Add the cooked and cooled pasta and asparagus, the fennel, prosciutto, cantaloupe and basil. Gently stir to combine and distribute the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, then garnish with the Parmesan.

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Ingredients

- 16 oz orecchiette pasta
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp whole-grain mustard
- 1 fennel bulb, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 4 oz prosciutto, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup diced cantaloupe
- 1/2 cup torn basil leaves
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Shaved Parmesan cheese

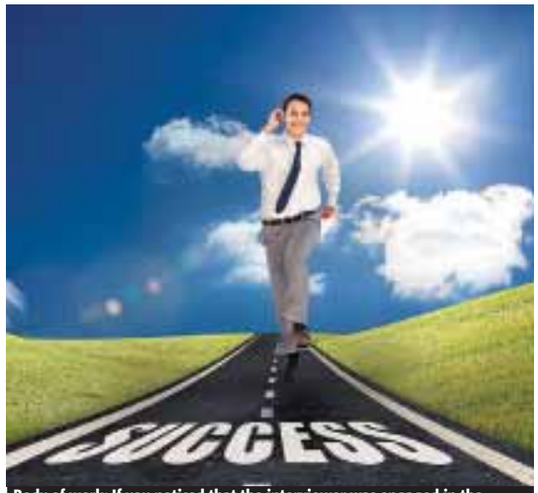
Ace of heart-to-hearts: How to know if you impressed your interviewer

I came, I saw, a contract. Don't be too perplexed as to whether you pleased the professionals

MEGHAN GREAVES
TalentEgg.ca

Before an interview, it's only natural to feel nervous. But post-interview is when the anxiety tends to kick in. Our mind hops on the over-thinking train and doesn't look back. The main reason this happens is because we know the decision is now out of our hands and we don't have much control over it.

You've gone through the application process and the interview. The next thing to do is wait patiently to hear back with the decision. But the time between the interview and when you hear back can seem like an eternity.



Body of work: If you noticed that the interviewer was engaged in the conversation, nodding, smiling or giving off any other positive body language hints, you may just be on a fast track to success. ISTOCK

To help with the post-interview jitters and make the wait a little quicker, read these signs to look out for during and after the interview and what they could mean for you as the interviewee.

The interview went longer than scheduled
An interview that goes longer than scheduled is always a good sign that the interviewer wants to get to know you better and is interested in the conversation. This is a win-win situation because you get to learn more about the company and position, and you get more time to show how you will be a great asset.

They told you when you'll hear back
If the interviewer gives you a firm date as to when you'll hear back, it means that they have a timeline defined for the hiring process. This could also mean that during the interview they made the decision (hiring you!) and just need to speak with their team to work out the details. Even if the news isn't what you were hoping for, at least you have a concrete idea as to when you'll know the decision.

You talked about topics beyond the job description
Ensuring that you answer each question during the interview effectively is the first step toward having a successful interview. An interview that exceeds expectations is one where you answer every question and then start to talk about the contributions you can make beyond the job description. If you found that this was happening in the interview, you probably left the interviewer with a positive impression.

You hear that your references have been contacted
Reference-checking is time consuming. Unless you're being seriously considered, interviewers won't spend the time to do this. If you hear from your references that they have been contacted, this is a signal that they're finalizing their decision and you're a top candidate.

You felt like you fit

- I have had interviews before where I automatically thought "this is the perfect fit" or in other cases, "I'm not sure if this company/role is for me."
- If you felt as though you fit in well during the interview, chances are that the interviewer shared the same feeling. If an interviewer feels as though you had a good interview and also thinks you'll fit well with their environment, chances are you'll be on the top of their mind when making the final hiring decision.

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Soak up your new surroundings

Home sweet campus. There are perks to your post-secondary palace that you may not be aware of. Explore!

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As a student, it's important to be aware of where your tuition money goes. College and university can be expensive, but it's not just the courses you're paying for. There are services that can help the fitness, career, extracurricular and social aspects of your student life. Here are a few things you should use to your advantage while you're still in school:

Student discounts
Between tuition, books and a social life, being a student can mean a strained wallet. Student unions often provide student discounts on a number of activities such as movies, transit tickets, theme parks, sporting events and other special deals so you can go out once in awhile without worrying about spending a fortune.

Tip: Check frequently for different deals. You can visit your student union's website, stop by their office or give them a call to find out more.

Gym membership
For some, the gym is the perfect place to unwind before, after or in between studies. Gym memberships are included in many tuition packages, but students may find themselves "too busy" or claim that the gym "isn't their thing."

Exercise is an important part of keeping the body and mind healthy. If you're not into lifting weights or running on the treadmill, here are two alternatives to consider:

- Take a group class: Some gyms offer fitness classes such as yoga, zumba, pilates and cycling. There may even be some unique ones such as martial arts, aqua fitness and hip hop dance.
- Join an intramural team: Athletic councils or facilities often host intramural teams within the school. If you like to play for fun but not competitively, this is a great way to get exercise, meet new people and improve your game. Teams are usually separated by gender or, in some cases, are co-ed. Chances are there's a soccer, basketball, volleyball or floor hockey team you can be part of.

Credit requirement checks

- Many students don't realize the importance of keeping track of their credits. Registrar's offices have academic counsellors who specifically look after credit requirements, which determine your graduation. It's good to be aware of this as soon as possible and keep a list of your credits in mind with your academic calendar.

Tip: Make an appointment with your department's student advisor to go over your credit requirements. One course could determine your fate at graduation. It's always best to be sure.

Tip: Get a copy of the exercise schedule. Try different classes by yourself or with a friend and see which ones you like best. Mark an activity or two into your weekly schedule as you would with academic classes.

Health centre
Students spend most of their time at school and may not have time to go to the doctor. That's where the health centre comes in. Health and dental coverage are included in your tuition fees, whether you have a medical plan or not. The health centre usually covers counselling services, nutrition and blood tests.

Tip: You can opt out of health and dental services and receive a refund on the fees. Check with your university for more details.

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MLB

Jays GM stands by his man(ager)

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos is giving his skipper a vote of confidence.

Speaking to reporters before Tuesday night's 7-1 loss to the New York Yankees, Anthopoulos said John Gibbons will return as manager in 2014.

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NFL

RG3 awaits green light from surgeon

Robert Griffin III could get the all-clear to play in the regular season when he meets with his surgeon on Thursday night.

Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said Tuesday that Griffin will meet with Dr. James Andrews while the Redskins are in Florida for their final pre-season game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Robert Griffin III GETTY IMAGES

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Soccer

Arsenal remains in Champions League

Arsenal will play in the Champions League for a 16th consecutive season.

With a 3-0 lead over Fenerbahce from the first leg, Aaron Ramsey netted twice at Emirates Stadium to ensure Arsenal comfortably won the playoff 5-0 on aggregate.

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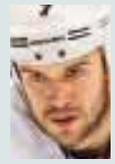
Canadian dream team



"It was pretty cool to be a part of that team. We've sort of grown up together."

Defenceman Brent Seabrook on the Canadian junior team of 2005, which accounts for 10 of the 47 players at Hockey Canada's Olympic orientation camp.

Raonic holds serving clinic in first round of U.S. Open

Tennis. Top-ranked Canadian player slams 28 aces in straight-sets win over qualifier

Milos Raonic has advanced to the second round of the U.S. Open.

The 10th-seeded player from Thornhill, Ont., defeated Italian qualifier Thomas Fabbiano 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-3 on Tuesday.

"In general, it was a good day," Raonic said.

He will face Pablo Andujar in the second round after the Spaniard beat Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

"He started doing well in 2011, just like me," Raonic said of Andujar. "He's very consistent. He can be aggressive, especially with his forehand, and I've got to play more aggressive than I did today.

"I've got to clean up a bit off the baseline and hopefully serve like I did today."

Raonic put on a serving display against the 179th-ranked Fabbiano, who was making his Grand Slam debut. The Italian gave only the slightest hint of trouble when he got a break back in the second set for 4-all before losing the set in a tiebreaker.

"I know he's very capable, I remember him from juniors," Raonic said of Fabbiano. "He got through quallies, so he must be playing well in that situation. I just sort of dealt with it as best I could, and I'm happy with how the result turned out."

Raonic took a 4-2 lead in the third set and sealed the victory with a series of untouchable serves.

The Canadian finished with 52 winners, including 28 aces.

"Serve helped for sure, got me through a lot of difficult situations," Raonic said. "I was struggling definitely from the baseline, but when I sort of needed it I was able to pick it up on both sides."

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Pospisil left fuming

Meanwhile, Vasek Pospisil of Vernon, B.C., suffered a tough loss to Brazilian qualifier Rogerio Dutra, going down 4-6, 3-6, 7-6 (9), 6-2, 7-6 (10).

- With the fifth-set tiebreaker tied 10-10, the umpire overruled a linesperson's call on Dutra's shot that was initially ruled long. That gave Dutra match point, which he then converted.

Milos Raonic serves to Thomas Fabbiano during their first-round match at the U.S. Open on Tuesday in New York. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

Sounding off

"I couldn't jump. I couldn't make a service movement. It's still better than yesterday."

Jerzy Janowicz, who was playing through a back injury, lost 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 to qualifier Maximo Gonzalez.

"If I was him, I wouldn't play today."

Maximo Gonzalez on Janowicz battling through his injury.

"I like big matches on the big stadium, but the people — it's too much crowds for myself, I think."

Petra Kvitova, who defeated Misaki Doi 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, said she prefers the calm of Wimbledon over the bustle of New York.

Sheets scores another top offensive player nod

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CFL leading rusher Kory Sheets is the league's offensive player of the week after another impressive performance.

Sheets rushed for 139 yards and two touchdowns in Saskatchewan's 30-27 win over Edmonton on Saturday. It was the seventh time Sheets has rushed for over 130 yards in a game this season.

Sheets has rushed for 1,058 yards in eight games this year. He's on pace to break the CFL single-season rushing record of 2,065 yards, set by Montreal's Mike Pringle in 1998.

Sheets was also named the offensive player of the week in Week 3 and the offensive player of the month for July.

Defensive player of the week honours went to Hamilton's Dee Webb, who returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown in the Tiger-Cats' 37-14 win over Winnipeg.

Montreal kick returner Tyron Carrier took the special teams award, returning a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown as the Alouettes beat B.C. 39-38 on a last-second field goal.

Teammate Eric Deslauriers was named top Canadian. The receiver caught four passes for 101 yards, including a 57-yard reception that set up the game-winning field goal.

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Bears finding their groove on offence

NFL. But WR Marshall, QB Cutler think there's room for improvement

The balance sought all training camp by the Chicago Bears offence came against Oakland in the third preseason game.

Yet quarterback Jay Cutler believes it can be even better.

So does wide receiver Brandon Marshall.

Marshall said on Tuesday his play is helping to hold the offence back and the Pro Bowl receiver believes he isn't physically where he needs to be after off-season hip surgery.

"It's one of those things where I'm just trying to get healthy for Week 1," Marshall said. "So you've got to have a game plan coming off surgery, a third hip surgery.

"So yeah, I'm not where I want to be right now. It's a little frustrating but we'll see."

Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall
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Marshall received rest throughout training camp and in practices leading up to preseason games.

"It's one of those things where you may be rushed a little bit and some people might think I need to be farther on than where I am," he said. "So it's a little frustrating not being where I want to be right now and maybe being pushed a little."

If Marshall is getting pressure, it doesn't seem to be coming from coach Marc Trestman.

"I know this: Brandon is working his tail off to try to get himself ready," Trestman, the former Alouettes head coach said, adding, "He feels a sense of urgency because the season is 10 days away.... I know he's doing everything he can to try and get himself ready."

Cutler suggested Marshall may have simply been feeling down for dropping a few passes in the most recent pre-season game.

"It's B," Cutler said. "He's going to take it hard for a couple of days and then he'll snap out of it and he'll be the guy we need next week.

Cutler and Marshall have to wait again until the regular-season opener because the Bears plan to play few, if any, starters against Cleveland on Thursday.

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	77	55	.583	—
Tampa Bay	74	55	.574	1½
Baltimore	70	59	.543	5½
New York	69	62	.527	7½
Toronto	59	73	.447	18

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	77	54	.588	—
Cleveland	71	59	.546	5½
Kansas City	66	64	.508	10½
Minnesota	57	72	.442	19
Chicago	54	76	.415	22½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	76	55	.580	—
Oakland	73	57	.562	2½
Seattle	59	71	.454	16½
Los Angeles	58	71	.450	17
Houston	44	86	.338	31½

Tuesday's results
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
Oakland at Detroit
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay
Baltimore at Boston
Houston at Chicago White Sox
Kansas City at Minnesota
Texas at Seattle
Monday's results
Houston 10 Chicago White Sox 8
Kansas City 11 Tampa Bay 1
Oakland 8 Detroit 6
Texas 8 Seattle 3
Toronto 5 N.Y. Yankees 2
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Texas (Perez 7-3) at Seattle (Hernandez 12-7), 3:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 11-9) at Toronto (Redmond 1-2), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Straily 6-7) at Detroit (Fister 11-6), 7:08 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Archer 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Norris 9-10) at Boston (Lackey 8-11), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Cosart 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 9-12), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Chen 5-2) at Minnesota (Albers 2-1), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	52	.600	—
Washington	65	65	.500	13
Philadelphia	60	71	.458	18½
New York	58	71	.450	19½
Miami	49	80	.380	28½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	77	54	.588	—
Pittsburgh	76	54	.585	½
Cincinnati	74	58	.561	3½
Milwaukee	57	73	.438	19½
Chicago	55	76	.420	22

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	77	54	.588	—
Arizona	67	63	.515	9½
Colorado	62	71	.466	16
San Diego	59	72	.450	18
San Francisco	58	73	.443	19

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St. Louis 8 Cincinnati 6
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Chicago Cubs (Jackson 7-13) at L.A. Dodgers (Nolasco 10-9), 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gorzelanny 3-5) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Alvarez 2-3) at Washington (Strasburg 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 14-9) at Atlanta (Maholm 9-10), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 5-13) at N.Y. Mets (Matsuzaka 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 8-10) at St. Louis (Wainwright 15-7), 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 11-8) at Colorado (Chacin 12-7), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Erlin 1-2) at Arizona (Miley 9-8), 9:40 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 10

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	8	5	3	0	244	209	10
Hamilton	8	4	4	0	203	219	8
Montreal	8	3	5	0	195	239	6
Winnipeg	8	1	7	0	167	247	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	8	7	1	0	264	177	14
Calgary	8	6	2	0	261	200	12
B.C.	8	5	3	0	207	203	10
Edmonton	8	1	7	0	188	235	2

Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 1
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 2
Edmonton at Calgary, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3
Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	12	7	5	41	35	41
New York	11	9	6	38	34	39
Kansas City	11	9	6	36	26	39
Philadelphia	10	8	8	37	37	38
New England	10	9	6	34	24	36
Houston	10	8	6	29	28	36
Chicago	10	10	4	30	34	34
Columbus	8	12	5	29	34	29
Toronto	4	12	9	22	34	21
D.C.	3	17	5	15	41	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Real Salt Lake	13	8	6	48	33	45
Los Angeles	12	9	4	40	32	40
Colorado	10	7	9	33	27	39
Portland	9	4	12	37	26	39
Seattle	11	8	4	31	26	37
Dallas	9	7	10	36	38	37
Vancouver	10	9	6	36	33	36
San Jose	9	10	7	28	37	34
Chivas USA	5	14	6	24	45	21

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
New England at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Seattle at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. at New York, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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Nissan's latest die-hard diesel truck

Autopilot. The Titan, accompanied by the Cummins engine, will attempt to change the company's fortunes in the light-duty market

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The diesels keep coming, like zombies that won't take decapitation for an answer; only with lots more torque and fuel range, and the fact that we're actually glad to see them.

This time it's Nissan, which announced last week it would offer a newly developed Cummins 5.0-litre V8 turbo-diesel in its next-generation Titan pickup. Putting a Cummins V8 diesel into the Titan will certainly shake things up in the light-duty full-size pickup segment, where torque is highly prized and brag-able.

Television ads that brag about the torque ratings of full-size pickups are only slightly less testosterone fuelled than a Megadeath concert — they always make me want to put on a pair of overalls and work boots and throw heavy stuff around the living room. Nissan sold about 3,500 Titans in Canada in 2012. Compare that to Ford, which sold over 106,000 F-Series pickups during the same year. "Hopefully the Titan will no longer be the best kept secret," said Nissan V-P, Fred Diaz, in a statement.

"We're going to be the only ones to have a V8 diesel in a 1500 truck, which is pretty neat space to play in because you're actually going to be more powerful and bigger and have more capability than a 1500 but not quite at the level of a 2500."

Diesels have always been available on 2500 and 3500 heavy-duty pickups, but the torque-endowed diesel engine makes huge sense for any truck, and we're finally getting some diesel action in our light-duty pickups.

Ram 1500 gets a diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by Chrysler's Italian partner, VM Motori — and GM is heavily rumoured to be contemplating a diesel option for its next-generation of the mid-size Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon pickups.

GM's already got a suitable diesel engine; it just has to North Americanize the diesel built for the Colorado sold in Thailand, Southeast Asia, Brazil and Australia. Those markets, and Europe, have always been diesel savvy with their smaller trucks, while we've always have to look longingly over the seas for some of the action.

In Europe they put diesels on everything. You can probably get a Peugeot bicycle with a diesel. There are certainly reasons why the automakers haven't given us smaller trucks with diesels until now, but probably not good ones. The dominance of the full-size truck that can easily accommodate the big lump of a (relatively inexpensive) V8 is probably one of them. Another is our historically crappy diesel fuel, which couldn't be tolerated by global diesel engines designed to run on the better stuff.

The Cummins engine destined for the Titan will instantly make the Titan a pickup celebrity. For competitive reasons,

The Nissan Titan holds the powerful engine. BOTH PHOTOS NISSAN HANDOUTS

Nissan is not yet announcing launch dates for the new Titan. But apparently engineering prototypes powered by the Cummins engine are already undergoing extensive public-highway performance and durability testing. If you see a current Titan pulling a train or something similar, it's probably testing one of those Cummins engines. Industry analysts predict the North American "light duty" pickup wars will soon be full of diesel-equipped competitors. About time…

The Cummins 5.0 litre V8 engine.

Charging ahead for electric vehicles

Driving force. With the sales of electric and hybrid cars rising, buyers now need to know where to recharge

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Take note

- **Find your station.** A Canada-wide list of charging stations, as well as information on electric vehicle costs and information, can be found at electricvehicles.caa.ca.
- **Hybrid or fully electric?** Not all plug-in cars run solely on their charge. Plug-in hybrids revert to gasoline/electric mode when the stored charge runs out, while extended-range cars use a small gas engine to generate more electricity.

Where is your nearest charging station? CONTRIBUTED

No matter where you are, you're probably not very far away from a gas station. You can confidently drive almost anywhere, knowing you can buy fuel when you get low. But for people with electric cars, finding a spot to recharge away from home is far more difficult, since public charging infrastructure is still in its infancy.

"It's the chicken and egg," says Teresa Di Felice, director of government and community relations for CAA South Central Ontario (SCO). "It's really in what comes first. Do we need a certain number of vehicles before there's a willingness to spend on the infrastructure, or does it need to be in place to encourage more people to purchase these vehicles?"

Since CAA SCO has an electric car, it has a charging station installed at its head office, as do a few other CAA locations. The auto club makes the station available to anyone who needs to plug in an electric vehicle.

Electric infrastructure presents an entirely new challenge for automakers. Up until now, they just sold the car while oil companies set up the refuelling stations, but they're now involved in the charging process. It's also an issue for governments, many of which are creating and funding programs for public installations. The challenges include where to put the stations, how to make them accessible, and who should pay for them, including the installation costs and the price of charging up. Di Felice estimates that, depending on the unit and how much wiring must be done to install it, a public charging station can run between $3,000 and $15,000.

The good news is that, just as gas pump nozzles fit every vehicle, the electric plugs are standardized throughout the industry, and all cars can charge from every station. The major issue is how long it takes. Fast-charging stations that can top up the battery in a short period are very rare, and not all vehicles are equipped for this type of high-power "refuelling."

Until quick-charge becomes more widespread, public charging stations will be most common in places where drivers stay for longer periods, such as work, stores, restaurants, or hotels. "The biggest impediment for people purchasing electric vehicles is 'range anxiety,'" Di Felice says, referring to the fear of running out of power. "These charging initiatives are useful for those who want to buy these vehicles."

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
As Mars moves into the dynamic sign of Leo today, your energy and confidence will surge. Yes, all things are possible but that does not mean you have to try to do it all at the same time.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You should make an effort to convince loved ones that you are still on their side. Why might they doubt you? Because you have been strangely uncommunicative of late.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Don't stop to analyze your motives: act while the passion is hot. One bold move could be all it takes today to start the ball rolling in your favour again.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There are major opportunities heading your way but are you in the right frame of mind to take advantage of them? Take an hour out of your busy schedule today to get your head back in the right place.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The world needs people who are willing to take a risk and with Mars moving into your sign today, it's you. Don't wait to be told to do what you feel is right — self-belief is all the permission you need.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Although the Sun and Mercury are boosting your confidence in a big way, other influences suggest you may have to be on your guard for secret enemies over the next few days. You can't be too careful.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Others may be raving about a new fad but you have your doubts it is as good as they think it is. Don't be afraid to take an opposing view. Your judgment is sound.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem even more ambitious than usual now and you will certainly not be inclined to settle for second best. You may have to fight it out with an equally ambitious rival but it will be a one-sided battle.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The next few days will see a big change in the way you look at an event. You will begin to realize that you have only part of the story and the missing parts are of huge significance.

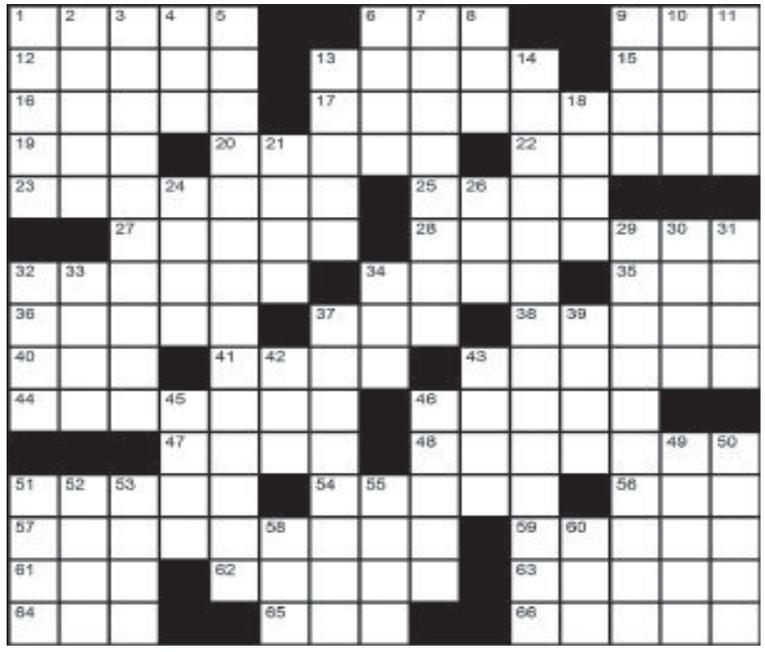
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It may seem as if you are out of touch with the feelings of those around you but that's OK. You are who you are and don't have to act in ways that don't come naturally to you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are in the middle of a creative phase and anything of an artistic nature will go well for you over the next few days. This is an especially good time to learn a new skill. What do you dream of doing?

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Tough decisions must be made and you must expect some people to be less than happy with what you decide. That's too bad. If they had acted sooner, it would not be down to you to put things right. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

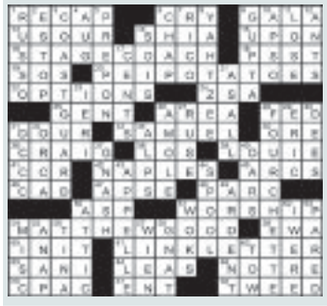
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Weightlifter's pride
6. US speed meas.
9. Mr. Tolkien
12. Originated
13. 1988 Summer Olympics locale
15. Farm song vowels
16. Sub instrument
17. Turntable artists, e.g.: 2 wds.
19. Bill [abbr.]
20. Menu clickees
22. Leaf's lines
23. Derelict building, perhaps
25. Froster
27. Connecting points
28. '60s song: "__ and Clover"
32. Detect
34. Move like a hummingbird
35. Green Day drummer, __ Cool
36. Corn chip bag's one-of-some
37. Actress Charlotte
38. Nancy of "Entertainment Tonight"
40. Virgo's predecessor
41. Storage space
43. Fawn
44. Gave to charity
46. Birth a bovine
47. Enthusiastic, __ ho
48. Finds one's positioning
51. Cook, this way
54. Larks about
56. Small photograph
57. National symbol: 2 wds.
59. Laura Branigan hit that goes "God how I love you so.": 2 wds.
61. Paranormal power, briefly
62. Fatty, as some meat
63. Metal bar
64. 'Govern' suffix (Jane Eyre's job)
65. Outs opposites
66. Wedding cake layers

Down
1. Jazz great, Count __ (b.1904 - d.1984)
2. Tale's twist
3. Metro Toronto __ Centre
4. Conductor, __-Pekka Salonen
5. Historical reenactment garbs: 2 wds.
6. Chow __
7. Freezie alternative
8. "I dunno?"
9. "Return of the __" (1983)
10. Dutch artist, Rembrandt van __
11. Supreme singer Diana
13. Some footwear
14. 1) Stay-after-the-reno 2) Sell-and-go ...choices for homeowners on this Canadian series: 5 wds.
18. Salon style, shortly
21. First Nation of Manitoba
24. And __ goes (Thusly): 2 wds.
26. Heartfelt protest, __ de coeur
29. Ed Robertson's co-songwriter on many hits: 2 wds.
30. Heraldic wreath
31. Foster flick
32. St. John's locale, for short
33. Common crossword cookie
34. Trend
37. Handyman character played by Canadian comedian Steve Smith: 2 wds.
39. Peace bird
42. Egg layer
43. "The World According to __" (1982)
45. "Tutti Frutti" bit: Got _ ___ named Daisy..."
46. Snug
49. Indian Ocean arm, __ Sea
50. Mary, Queen of __
51. Captain Hook's sidekick
52. Itar-__ (Russian news agency)
53. Actor, Omar __
55. Feedbag bits
58. Him, in Paris
60. Pasta names suffix

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	7						9	
		6		1		5		
1	9						3	2
		5	1	9	6	4		
		9	8	5	4	7		
8	3						4	6
		4		2		3		
	1						8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	5	4	6	9	1	2	7
9	7	6	2	1	5	3	4	8
2	1	4	7	8	3	9	6	5
4	6	9	8	2	7	5	1	3
1	5	8	3	4	6	7	9	2
3	2	7	5	9	1	4	8	6
7	8	1	9	3	2	6	5	4
5	9	2	6	7	4	8	3	1
6	4	3	1	5	8	2	7	9

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The construction of Bordeaux is also a little different and many materials other contractors would consider upgrades have been included in the base specifications for the project. Fibre cement siding, manufactured stone, aluminum clad windows are just a few of the "extras" included in Bordeaux.

The exteriors are also a distinctly different. With the drive by consumers to ask for more unique and modern exteriors, Bordeaux has answered the call.

Moving to the interiors, many of the extras are also included. Granite countertops, barbeque outlets, under-cabinet lighting are some of the many "Standard" features in Bordeaux.

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